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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL STAFFING U.S. PERMDEL UNESCO

1. THIS IS FOLLOW-UP TO REQUEST OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR JONES, US PERMDELEGATE UNESCO FOR RE-ASSIGNMENT CHRISTINA D. LEBWORTH, FSS-5, STEP 7 FROM POSITION NUMBER 29-8033-010, SECRETARY TO AID OFFICER, TO POSITION NUMBER 40-9160-198, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO US PERMDELEGATE UNESCO. SLEEPER, LEBWORTH AND PERSONNEL OFFICER, U.S. EMBASSY PARIS HAVE DISCUSSED THIS FURTHER IN FOLLOW-UP TO MEETING JULY 26 BETWEEN MENTER, SLEEPER, OUMANO AND JACOBSEN.

2. THIS POSSIBILITY OF THE TRANSFER OF THE AID SECRETARY TO POSITION 40-9160-198 WAS ALSO ADDRESSED IN JUST COMPLETED INSPECTORS' REPORT. STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS FELT THAT LEBWORTH WOULD BE EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION BUT THAT SHE BE GIVEN JOB ONLY IF LATERAL ENTRY INTO STATE DEPT COULD BE ARRANGED.

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3. AS INDICATED IN PRIOR CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN JONES,

SLEEPER AND LEBWORTH, SHE INTERESTED IN TRANSFER TO ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION WITH MINISTER-COUNSELOR JONES.

INSPECTORS

ALSO FELT POSITION 40-9160-198 SHOULD BE RETITLED FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY. HOWEVER UNDERSTAND JONES AND LEBWORTH DISCUSSED THIS AND BOTH FEEL THAT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TITLE SHOULD BE RETAINED.

4. LEBWORTH ONLY REPEAT ONLY INTERESTED IF ASSIGNMENT BASED ON PERMANENT LATERAL TRANSFER TO STATE DEPARTMENT FSS CATEGORY WITH WORLD-WIDE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED STATE DEPARTMENT SERVICE FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF TOUR WITH US PERMDEL UNESCO. SHE FEELS THAT HER CAREER INTERESTS AND BEST LONG TERM CONTRIBUTION TO U.S. FOREIGN AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY MAKING FULL COMMITMENT TO LONG TERM STATE DEPARTMENT CAREER.

5. EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICER OF IMPRESSION THAT SUCH PERMANENT LATERAL TRANSFER TO STATE DEPARTMENT AT LEBWORTH'S GRADE LEVEL FROM COMPANION FOREIGN SERVICE AGENCY OF AID MIGHT BE POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING REGULATIONS, SINCE LEBWORTH ALREADY A CAREER MEMBER OF FOREIGN SERVICE STAFF.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE SPEEDY DECISION REGARDING PERMANENT LATERAL TRANSFER LEBWORTH FROM AID TO STATE. IF SUCH TRANSFER POSSIBLE THEN SLEEPER MUST REQUEST AID TO INITIATE PROCESS OF OBTAINING SUITABLE REPLACEMENT FOR AID POSITION 29-8033-010 IMMEDIATELY TO MEET JONES' TARGET OF SEPTEMBER 18 FOR TRANSFER. IF SUCH TRANSFER NOT POSSIBLE THEN NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY TO POSITION NUMBER 40-9160-198 NEEDED SO THAT POSITION CAN BE FILLED BY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 18.
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